

Committed Caring Faith Communities

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Building a community of spiritual healing by empowering and supporting faith organizations in their service to people suffering from substance abuse, addiction, and related problems through prevention, awareness, education, and training

CCFC To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

December 7th will mark Committed Caring Faith Communities' (CCFC) 10th anniversary. CCFC began in 1995 in St. Louis as a coalition under the auspices of the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse as part of a federal initiative called Target Cities. Target Cities was a national effort spearheaded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to improve the substance abuse treatment delivery system in several metropolitan cities.

CCFC eventually acquired its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and became an independent interfaith organization that serves the entire state of Missouri. As an intermediary technical support organization for CSAT, CCFC is frequently called upon to assist other states that are attempting to involve the faith community in substance abuse treatment, recovery, as well as prevention.

"Had it not been for the ongoing support of Michael Couty, director of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Clifton Mitchell, head of CSAT's faith and community-based office; and Dr. Danny Wedding, director of the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, CCFC would not be around to celebrate 10 years of service," said Daphne Walker-Thoth, CCFC's acting executive director.

Applications Now Being Accepted from Faith-Based and Non-Traditional Providers for Missouri's Access to Recovery Program

Enrollment is open for faith-based and non-traditional organizations interested in becoming vendors for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse as providers of recovery support services. Missouri was among 14 states and one tribal organization that successfully competed for the Access to Recovery (ATR) grant through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

Recovery support services are intended to assist individuals seeking recovery by keeping them engaged in treatment for longer periods by providing supports such as pastoral counseling, spiritual life skills, care coordination, child care, transportation, work preparation, family engagement, recovery support groups, emergency/temporary housing, and drop-in center services.

ATR was initiated by President George W. Bush to ensure client choice for clinical treatment and recovery support services, improve access and increase capacity for substance abuse treatment and recovery support services, and engage faith-based and non-traditional organizations in providing a broader spectrum of treatment and recovery support services.

ATR applications and information can be downloaded from <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/ada/ATR/ATRgrant.htm> or may be obtained by calling CCFC at (314) 951-1033. To provide recovery support services, faith-based organizations must be credentialed by CCFC. Non-traditional organizations that are not faith-based will be credentialed by the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. There is no application deadline, however, organizations are encouraged to apply now. The three-year ATR grant will enter its second year in October of 2005. To date, applications have been received from faith organizations in Kansas City, St. Louis, Sikeston, Branson, and Hannibal.

***Starter Kits Now Available From
Missouri Faith Community Substance
Abuse Resource Network***

Informational kits for Missouri faith organizations interested in starting substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, or recovery support programs are now available through the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network. Kits may be ordered by calling CCFC at (314) 951-1033. There is no cost for the actual kits, however, there is a small fee for postage and shipping. To avoid postage and shipping fees, organizations may pick up packets from CCFC in St. Louis or from other members of the Network in other cities throughout the state. To find out if there is a Network member in your city where kits can be picked up call (314) 951-1033.

**Next Meeting of Missouri Faith
Community Substance Abuse
Resource Network Set for July 22**

The next meeting of the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network is scheduled for Friday, July 22 in Columbia, Missouri from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exact location of the meeting has not yet been determined. The Network is a group of individuals from faith organizations throughout the state of Missouri who are interested or involved in faith-based substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support, or advocacy.

Network members convene quarterly. The Network serves as a forum for the discussion of issues, sharing of information and ideas, collaboration, and problem-solving. It is inclusive of all faith traditions. Once a year, the Network visits legislators at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. If you are interested in attending a Network meeting, call (314) 951-1033.

**CCFC Sponsoring Faith-Based Track at
Department of Mental Health's Spring Institute**

There is not much time left to register for the Department of Mental Health's 2005 Spring Institute May 18-20 at Tan-Tar-A Resort & Conference Center in the Lake of the Ozarks at Osage Beach. The registration fee is \$125. The registration brochure can be downloaded from <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/ada>. This is the first year that CCFC will sponsor a faith-based substance abuse track at this annual statewide training. Experts from across the country will conduct workshops and presentations on a variety of topics related to substance abuse, mental health, and developmental issues.

Key presenters in the faith-based substance abuse track include Rev. Ladell Flowers, executive director of Dismas House in Kansas City and assistant pastor of Heart of America Christian Fellowship Church; Dr. Robert Perkinson, clinical director, Keystone Carroll Treatment Center in Canton, South Dakota; Rev. Jack Smart of Teen Challenge in Cape Girardeau; Rev. Ronn Webb of the S.E.M.O. Christian Restoration Center in Poplar Bluff.

***Standing in the Gap: Linking Faith With Substance Abuse
Prevention and Treatment is Theme for Arkansas Conference***

CCFC will hosts its ninth regional faith-based conference on Substance Abuse September 7-9, 2005 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The early registration fee is \$80. Registration brochures will be available soon and can be obtained by calling (314) 951-1033.

This year's theme is *Standing in the Gap: Linking Faith With Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment*. It is co-sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Services Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, CSAT, the Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center, Community Resource Agency, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock – MidSOUTH. Among the topics to be addressed are the latest drugs on the street, community re-entry from prison, helping substance abusers learn to nurture their spirits, substance abuse among older adults and people with disabilities, establishing a substance abuse ministry team, substance abuse in the criminal population, faith-based substance abuse coalitions, suicide and substance abuse, different faith perspectives on addressing substance abuse, grantsmanship, and putting faith in addiction science.

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